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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
for the  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975

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BOSTON, June 30, 1975

HON. KEVIN H. WHITE  
Mayor of Boston

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with Section 15 of Chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. FORGIONE,  
Chairman, Board of Parks  
and Recreation Commissioners.

SIMON C. FIREMAN,  
J. LEO MCCARTHY,  
WILLIAM SCOTT,  
JAMES P. SULLIVAN,  
Associate Commissioners.

DOROTHY M. CURRAN,  
JAMES LEE HUNT,  
Assistant Commissioners.

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### Introduction

The Department of Parks and Recreation had its beginning with the appointment of the first Board of Park Commissioners on July 8, 1875, under the title "Park Department." The Board consisted of three members who served without compensation. As thus constituted, the department continued up to 1913, when by provision of Chapter 10, Ordinances of 1912, it was merged with the Public Grounds, Bath and Music Departments, under the name of Park and Recreation Department. The Commissioners were appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years, one term expiring each year. The Chairman was a paid city official, in charge of the operation of the department. The other two members served without compensation.

In 1920 the Cemetery Department was merged with the Park and Recreation Department, and the title was changed to Park Department. On May 1, 1954, the Department became the Parks and Recreation Department under the provisions of Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954. The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was increased to five members.

Under the latest ordinance, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation becomes the active head of the department with power of authority far beyond that which existed when the Board consisted of three members (Section 36-42, inclusive, Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954). The Commissioners meet as required on call from the Chairman.

In 1970, the Parks and Recreation Commission was reorganized under Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1970 which amended Chapter 19 of the Revised Ordinances of 1961 by adding two other officers, respectively known as the Assistant Commissioner for Administration and the Assistant Commissioner for Recreation, each likewise appointed by the Mayor for a term expiring on the first Monday of the January following the next biennial municipal election at which a mayor is elected and who will both serve full time.

The department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of approximately 2,300 acres of parks and playgrounds. Included in this area are the following facilities: 64 playgrounds and play areas, 22 of which have field houses; 127 parks, large and small; 37 tot-lots; 2 service yards containing offices, mechanic's shops, storehouse, and garage; a recreation building; 15 indoor recreation centers; 12 public bathhouses; 2 public golf courses (18 holes) both with clubhouses; 7 year-round swimming pools and 7 summer pools in addition to 2 beaches with bathhouses; 16 greenhouses; 19 cemeteries (3 active, 16 inactive or historic); 108 miles of parkways, driveways, walks, and paths; 131 acres of ponds and rivers; and the care and maintenance of all trees on

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city streets, parks, and playgrounds.

The department organizes, promotes, and conducts a city-wide recreation program for all age groups with special emphasis on youth programs.

This report summarizes briefly the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the staff of the department to maintain a high standard in essential services and to expand the facilities of our park system to meet the needs of the department within our appropriation allowances.

In this report there is no particular attention given to the extensive maintenance responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department. Reference to the introductory section of this report will indicate the large number of areas, buildings, etc., that require most of the time of our staff. It should be apparent that much of our appropriation is expended for the maintenance and improvement of parks, gardens, park and recreation buildings, mechanics' shops, golf courses, cemeteries, etc. Proper maintenance is the key to efficient service. We are confining this report to major work accomplished during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, all of which is substantially outside the area of general maintenance.

### RECREATION PROGRAM

The recreation program of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department aims to provide skilled leadership and adequate facilities that will afford an opportunity for all, young and old, to engage in leisure-time activities.

During 1975 the Boston Parks and Recreation Department again stressed the need for more and better recreation programs by offering instructions in self-fulfilling activities.

Our parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and indoor centers, were used constantly by hundreds of thousands. Indoor physical activities included gymnastics, swimming, basketball, wrestling, boxing, and physical fitness. Many cultural activities were also included such as painting, grooming, modeling, music, dancing, drama, puppetry and others.

The theme of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in 1975 was "Fitness through Action." Boston, by investing more than \$100,000. in physical education equipment, served more than 6,000 youngsters in fourteen neighborhood gymnastic centers.

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The year 1975 was also a time for creativity and new ideas. Classes in belly-dancing, slimnastics, beauty workshops, modeling classes, ballet, young actors' workshop and film animation, attracted many in record numbers who discovered the programs offered to all Boston residents.

Outdoor facilities for baseball, handball, basketball, softball and soccer leagues were provided. Athletic activities included 32 baseball leagues, 85 basketball leagues, 16 football leagues, 10 handball tournaments, 50 soccer leagues and 70 softball leagues, indicating the growth of the Boston Recreation programs.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Girls' Athletic League, one of the oldest (active) in the country, completed their thirty-second consecutive year of city-wide competition.

During 1975 approximately 2,000 girls registered for basketball leagues with 1,500 for softball and 300 for volleyball leagues. This year, women's football was successfully introduced. Also, the Recreation Department recognized the small interest group and a special effort was made to organize the special groups to set up their program needs in their own neighborhoods.

The Recreation Department playgrounds are also supervised and staffed during the summer and fall months to provide an organized program for the city youngsters.

The department maintained two golf courses, one of which is the oldest public links in the country. A junior golf program for youngsters is conducted at these two facilities. Caught between unavoidable increases in cost and inadequate appropriations, the Department has no alternative but to discontinue the golf program, understandably reluctant as they are to do so.

The sailing and boating program was conducted at Jamaica Pond. Instructional classes for children 12-18 years of age in sailing were conducted free of charge. More than 2,000 using 16 sailboats took part in the program.

During the spring and winter months preparation and certification for life saving and first aid was offered at our indoor swimming pools. These pools are in operation on a year-round basis offering swimming instruction (beginners and advanced).

The "L" Street (James M. Curley) beach and the Frog Pond on Boston Common reflected their popularity in usage during the summer months.

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The Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) enlisted both the support and participation of at least 3,000 youngsters and adults. The interest in the Boston Neighborhood Hockey League (BNHL) continues to grow with at least 1,000 youngsters from twelve neighborhoods participating in the League. Free instructional clinics were offered throughout the City during the summer and winter months. The Boston Parks and Recreation Tennis Development Program has opened the doors to many enthusiastic youngsters and adults in competitive tennis and self-rewarding accomplishment. Many tennis facilities were built, resurfaced and lights added for the public convenience.

Track and Field meets for boys and girls were scheduled regularly during the year.

The Art Center in the Park at Pinebank continued its popularity by making the "arts" available free to all citizens of Boston. Classes in visual and performing arts, theatrical productions, dance performances, ceramics, and art exhibits were offered daily.

Throughout the summer, the Parks and Recreation Department offered almost every diversified and imaginable form of entertainment - boxing matches, tennis championship matches, concerts on the City Hall Plaza, festivals, apple-picking in the fall, plays, puppet shows, opera, art shows and mobile instructional units.

Bicycle safety clinics for youngsters with the co-operation of the Officer Friendly Police Staff were offered all summer at various playgrounds. The Parks and Recreation Department continued to advocate safe bicycling and a pollution-free environment for the City of Boston.

Trails were available for the solitary and small interest groups - the cyclists and joggers.

The James M. Curley Recreation Center offers free of charge the "L" Street beach, handball courts, and an indoor solarium. The facility contains a men's steam bath; exercise and recreation room for all ages (tiny-tots to senior citizens); and a women's sauna and unique exercise room with professional staff. A variety of physical fitness classes and recreation programs are available from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

For the fifth year, the department co-sponsored the Franklin Park Kite Festival rewarding the creative kite designers with a day of recreation for the kite flyer.

Frisbee and hula contests on the City Hall Plaza drew



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on the talents of our neighborhood youngsters.

Boston rivaled New York's Rockefeller Center's famed skating plaza by making available a free artificial skating area for beginners and sophisticated skaters in the heart of Boston's famous "Common." Instructions were available upon request.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department's program for exceptional children ran three separate day camps during the summer months and swimming instructions were arranged for the children year-round.

The Mayor Kevin H. White Golden Age Club sponsored a variety of Senior Citizens parties (Christmas, Halloween and Valentine's Day) including get-acquainted programs, games, bus trips, exhibits, etc. Films were shown at nursing homes to shut-ins throughout the year. The climax was a city-wide picnic for all elderly citizens of Boston at Castle Island.

Fishing at Jamaica Pond boasted Boston's number one leisure-time activity.

The summer fun tours were available to all supervised playground youngsters. There were free bus trips to various recreational and educational points of interest in and around the greater Boston area.

As in preceding years, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department continued to make available quality facilities and programs - stimulating, satisfying, and socially sound.

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MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO  
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES  
July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

1. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT JOSEPH D. McLAUGHLIN PLAYGROUND. H & L Electric Co., Inc., August 5, 1974, \$120,270.57.
2. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT DAISY FIELD IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. H & L Electric Co., Inc., August 5, 1974, \$160,346.51.
3. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND. C & A Construction Co., Inc., August 5, 1974, \$213,887.44.
4. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND. Lord Electric Co., Inc., August 6, 1974, \$179,982.60.
5. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND. H & L Electric Co., Inc., July 16, 1974, \$243,442.37.
6. FURNISHING BUS TRANSPORTATION. Hudson Bus, Inc., August 5, 1974, \$38,747.50.
7. IMPROVEMENTS AT MICHAEL J. BROPHY PARK & PHIPPS ST. CEMETERY. Harold S. Sears Co., Inc., September 12, 1974, \$156,769.38.
8. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT INDEPENDENCE PARK, BOSTON. G. E. Carroll Co., September 12, 1974, \$68,440.00.
9. CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MYRTLE ST. PLAYGROUND. Harold S. Sears Co., Inc., August 5, 1974, \$14,666.00.
10. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT OAK SQUARE PLAYGROUND, OLMSTED PARK. A & B Construction Co., Inc. September 12, 1974, \$131,762.98.
11. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT WOODCLIFF STREET PLAY AREA - SHIRLEY EUSTIS PARK. W. T. Rich Co., Inc. September 12, 1974, \$54,380.00.
12. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN FIELD. G. E. Carroll Co., November 20, 1974, \$81,161.12.

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13. INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT FRANKLIN FIELD. O'Donnell & Egan Const. Co., September 24, 1974, \$342,678.73.
14. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT MAJOR CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND AND INDEPENDENCE SQUARE. G. E. Carroll Co., September 12, 1974, \$13,396.50.
15. MANUFACTURING AND PATTERNS & CASTINGS FOR BOSTON COMMON FENCE. Easton Foundry, Inc., October 3, 1974, \$11,673.00.
16. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES AT WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND. G. E. Carroll Co., November 20, 1974, \$72,260.00.
17. CONSTRUCTION OF FOUNDATION & STEEL FRAMING FOR PROPOSED SIGN AT EAST BOSTON RECREATION CENTER. Sign Corporation of America, October 17, 1974, \$32,477.00.
18. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES AT ROSS PLAYGROUND AND FALLON FIELD. H & L Electric Co., Inc., November 20, 1974, \$146,941.78.
19. INSTALLING BLEACHER SEATING & MISC. REPAIRS AT THE EAST BOSTON MEMORIAL STADIUM. C & A Const. Co., Inc., October 3, 1974, \$10,629.62.
20. THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF GRANITE BASES FOR THE PUBLIC GARDEN FENCE. Moliterno Stone Sales Co., December 12, 1974, \$69,799.00.
21. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT PERIMETER FENCE AT BOSTON COMMON. W. T. Rich Co., Inc. May 7, 1975, \$111,900.00.
22. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT BOSTON COMMON, COPLEY SQUARE & PUBLIC GARDEN. W. T. Rich Co., Inc., May 7, 1975, \$182,500.00.
23. FURNISHING & ERECTING A SIXTY FOOT SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREE ON BOSTON COMMON. C & A Construction Co., November 18, 1974, \$2,650.00.
24. INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR LIGHTING AT CENTRAL SQUARE, EAST BOSTON. The Chappy Corporation, Dec. 12, 1974, \$6,990.00.



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25. THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW PATTERNS & GREY IRON CASTINGS FOR THE PUBLIC GARDEN FENCE.  
Monument Contracting Co., March 5, 1975, \$261,975.53.
26. THE MANUFACTURE OF GREY IRON FENCE PART CASTINGS FOR THE BOSTON COMMON FENCE. Eastern Foundry Co., Inc.,  
March 28, 1975, \$79,452.05.
27. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES AT MARY DRAPER & WESLEY G. ROSS PLAYGROUNDS. H & L Electric Co., Inc.,  
May 16, 1975, \$101,000.00.
28. CONSTRUCTION OF RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOSTON COMMON. Center Construction Co.,  
May 30, 1975, \$989,553.00.
29. LAGOON BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AT BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN.  
M. Solimando, Inc., April 23, 1975, \$101,687.94.
30. RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN.  
Cedar Hill Landscaping Corp.,  
May 30, 1975, \$899,926.00.
31. THE MANUFACTURE OF PATTERNS AND ALUMINUM CASTINGS FOR GATES AT THE PUBLIC GARDEN. Monument Contracting Co.,  
June 20, 1975, \$50,900.00.
32. FURNISHING AND PLANTING OF TREES IN BOSTON.  
A. J. Tomasi, April 15, 1975, \$74,451.00.
33. FURNISHING AND PLANTING OF TREES IN BOSTON.  
C & A Construction Co., May 6, 1975, \$89,898.00.
34. FURNISHING AND PLANTING OF TREES IN BOSTON.  
D. Cicconi, Inc., May 2, 1975, \$55,960.00.
35. FURNISHING AND PLANTING OF TREES IN BOSTON.  
Landscapes by Schumacher, May 8, 1975, \$74,380.00.

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EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE, JULY 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

PARKS, GARDENS, SQUARES

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Adams, Irving, Park  | \$ 6,487.93 |
| Arnold Arboretum   | 1,970.10    |
| Back Bay Yard  | 107,308.27  |
| Back Bay District  | 1,990.00    |
| Boston Common Ball Park  | 3,775.45    |
| Boston Common Bandstand  | 4,887.54    |
| Boston Common Convenience Stations                             | 17,313.51   |
| Boston Common Deer Park, Tool House                            | 2,360.93    |
| Boston Common Frog Pond  | 3,524.31    |
| Boston Common Grounds  | 211,258.19  |
| Boston Common Tennis Court                                     | 1,528.34    |
| Boylston St. Subway Telephone Booth                            | 449.23      |
| Brighton District  | 86,864.89   |
| Brophy Park  | 3,826.00    |
| Castle Square  | 11,819.42   |
| Central Square   | 2,136.50    |
| Charlestown District   | 28,457.20   |
| Christmas Festival   | 22,834.93   |
| City Hall Plaza  | 7,821.84    |
| Columbus Park  | 79,217.23   |
| Chester Park   | 1,912.00    |
| Circuit Drive  | 1,875.00    |
| Commonwealth & Massachusetts Avenues                           | 3,573.64    |
| Commonwealth Avenue Mall                                       | 8,892.55    |
| Commonwealth Avenue Underpass                                  | 412.80      |
| Copley Square  | 12,798.35   |
| Coppens Square   | 1,939.00    |
| Cummings, Mary P. C. Estate                                    | 427.29      |
| Dartmouth Street   | 79,848.20   |
| Devine, William J., Golf Course                                | 50,350.64   |
| Dorchester Heights   | 787.24      |
| East Boston Bocchi Court                                       | 1,955.25    |
| East Boston District   | 109,431.36  |
| East Boston Stadium  | 74,632.42   |
| Fens Rose Garden   | 39,717.47   |
| Fens Stadium   | 19,605.37   |
| Franklin Park Administration, Buildings,<br>Shops, Yards, etc. | 497,374.99  |
| Franklin Park Blacksmith Shop                                  | 11,973.36   |
| Franklin Park Boat Shop  | 3,827.67    |
| Franklin Park Carpenter Shop                                   | 98,625.60   |
| Franklin Park Garage   | 137,635.07  |
| Franklin Park Greenhouse                                       | 180,483.06  |
| Franklin Park Grounds  | 71,785.00   |
| Franklin Park Harness Shop                                     | 1,899.73    |
| Franklin Park Lawn Mower Shop                                  | 41,482.81   |

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| Franklin Park Paint Shop           | \$ 89,982.17    |
| Franklin Park Plumber Shop         | 31,198.70       |
| Franklin Park Repair Shops         | 209,031.87      |
| Franklin Park Storehouse           | 79,164.60       |
| Harvard Mall                       | 3,884.85        |
| Hayes Square                       | 1,924.00        |
| Hyde Park District                 | 39,897.89       |
| Independence Park                  | 2,950.00        |
| Jamaica Plain District             | 16,714.51       |
| Jamaica Pond Boathouse & Grounds   | 9,567.65        |
| J. F. Kennedy Boat                 | 11,755.42       |
| Lafayette Mall                     | 3,409.27        |
| Mattapan District                  | 6,242.54        |
| Maverick Square                    | 1,140.00        |
| Meany Park                         | 1,927.06        |
| Muddy River                        | 336.04          |
| North Dorchester District          | 22,360.85       |
| North End Prado                    | 45,854.43       |
| Olmstead Park                      | 146,642.33      |
| Orchard Park                       | 24,359.48       |
| Pagoda Park                        | 2,230.27        |
| Peabody Square                     | 1,800.00        |
| Pembroke Street                    | 1,075.83        |
| Pinebank Building                  | 34,262.87       |
| Portsmouth Street                  | 3,934.89        |
| Preble Street Traffic Circle       | 1,151.49        |
| Public Gardens                     | 107,457.56      |
| Revere, Paul Mall                  | 2,063.76        |
| Ringgold corner of Hanson Street   | 1,739.58        |
| Roslindale District                | 31,803.65       |
| Roxbury District                   | 40,199.55       |
| Rutland Square                     | 460.35          |
| Small Parks & Squares              | 58,389.17       |
| South Boston - Dorchester District | 27,392.07       |
| South Cove Park                    | 317.20          |
| South End District                 | 43,972.18       |
| Sullivan Square                    | 1,114.02        |
| Sumner & Lawson Streets            | 3,023.52        |
| Thomas Park                        | 975.05          |
| Tubman Park                        | 1,890.90        |
| Washington Park                    | 87,705.99       |
| Waterfront Park                    | 1,967.13        |
| West Roxbury District              | 42,633.22       |
| Wright, George Garage              | 902.74          |
| Wright, George Golf Course         | 152,676.97      |
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| TOTAL                              | \$ 3,458,561.30 |
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PLAYGROUNDS

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Alford Street Playground          | \$ 212.89  |
| Almont Street Playground          | 31,291.23  |
| American Legion                   | 3,193.28   |
| Barry Playground                  | 7,592.26   |
| Billings Field                    | 34,288.55  |
| Carter, William E., Playground    | 13,260.78  |
| Cassidy, Walter Playground        | 19,147.12  |
| Ceylon Street Playground          | 22,506.99  |
| Charter Street Playground         | 373.33     |
| Clifford Street Playground        | 892.50     |
| Connolly, John J., Playground     | 320.75     |
| Cronin, James F., Playground      | 11,958.15  |
| DeFilippo Playground              | 3,163.92   |
| Doherty, John A., Playground      | 3,253.59   |
| Dorchester Park                   | 7,011.45   |
| Draper, Mary Playground           | 130,693.13 |
| Eustis, William Playground        | 593.75     |
| Fallon Field                      | 12,942.78  |
| Ferrara Field                     | 1,158.21   |
| Flaherty Way Play Area            | 1,925.00   |
| Foss Playground                   | 250.00     |
| Franklin Field                    | 5,112.73   |
| Garvey, William H., Playground    | 490.00     |
| Gibson, Christopher Playground    | 29,229.74  |
| H Street Playground               | 1,974.00   |
| Hannon, Mary Playground           | 2,355.58   |
| Healy, James F., Playground       | 145,496.29 |
| Hemenway, Mary Playground         | 9,900.82   |
| Hynes, Thomas J., Playground      | 6,955.24   |
| Jefferson Playground              | 4,015.17   |
| Joyce Playground                  | 4,162.00   |
| Lee, Christopher Playground       | 17,515.36  |
| Lee, Joseph Playground            | 32,768.40  |
| McCarthy, Leo F., Playground      | 1,989.15   |
| McConnell Park                    | 28,944.92  |
| McKinney Playground               | 1,129.79   |
| McLaughlin, Joseph D., Playground | 6,930.54   |
| McLean, Arthur F., Playground     | 518.07     |
| Mission Hill Playground           | 44,209.80  |
| Mozart Street Playground          | 2,172.94   |
| Murphy, John W., Playground       | 1,260.23   |
| Murray Playground                 | 1,703.25   |
| Myrtle Street Playground          | 14,666.00  |
| Noyes, John H. L., Playground     | 18,246.47  |
| O'Day Playground                  | 5,354.30   |
| Parker Hill Playground            | 3,904.90   |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Parkman, Francis Playground    | \$ 3,865.00    |
| Playgrounds, General           | 29,976.62      |
| Prince Street                  | 516.40         |
| Quincy & Stanley Streets       | 56,443.65      |
| Ringer, Stanley A., Playground | 3,593.25       |
| Ripley Playground              | 1,601.14       |
| Roberts, Thomas J., Playground | 13,149.24      |
| Rogers Park Playground         | 20,216.03      |
| Ronan Park                     | 28,793.82      |
| Ross, Wesley Playground        | 13,295.63      |
| Rotch, Lester J., Playground   | 5,775.64       |
| Ryan, John J., Playground      | 14,892.01      |
| Smith, William F., Playground  | 187,753.84     |
| Sweeney Playground             | 1,925.00       |
| Walker, George H., Playground  | 2,918.99       |
| Walsh, William G., Playground  | 6,215.35       |
| Webster Street Playground      | 357.74         |
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| TOTAL                          | \$1,088,324.70 |
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## RECREATION DIVISION

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Administration          | \$ 980,268.66  |
| Busing Program          | 18,872.50      |
| Handicap Program        | 9,479.20       |
| Hockey Program          | 11,898.72      |
| Public Relations        | 67,470.97      |
| Senior Citizens Program | 8,100.54       |
| Swimming Program        | 4,590.00       |
| Work Study Program      | 3,728.89       |
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| TOTAL                   | \$1,104,409.48 |
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BATHS, BEACHES, POOLS, RECREATION CENTERS

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Archdale Recreation Center          | \$ 12,835.70 |
| Bath General                        | 865.08       |
| Brighton Municipal Building         | 13,543.61    |
| Camp Joy                            | 126,999.44   |
| Charlestown Pool (Outdoor)          | 137,172.74   |
| Chinese Recreation Center           | 8,774.92     |
| Columbia Point Recreation Center    | 29,135.86    |
| Columbia Road Gym                   | 10,914.03    |
| Curtis Hall Bath, Pool, Center      | 48,456.05    |
| Don Bosco                           | 895.64       |
| Dorchester House                    | 66,498.42    |
| East Boston Social Center & Pool    | 11,213.84    |
| Gallivan Blvd. Recreation Center    | 80,909.67    |
| Hyde Park Municipal Building Center | 29,946.89    |
| L Street Bath, Beach, Center        | 295,024.03   |
| Marshall School Recreation Center   | 139.82       |
| Mason Street Pool                   | 126,286.08   |
| North Bennet Street Bath Center     | 109,685.70   |
| North End Park, Beach, Bath, Pool   | 207,491.22   |
| Paris Street Bath Center            | 203,109.08   |
| Roslindale Gym                      | 22,362.90    |
| Shelbourne Recreation Center        | 39,494.94    |
| South Boston Municipal Building     | 4,376.52     |
| Tobin Building                      | 18,614.14    |
| Woodruff Recreation Center          | 1,691.53     |

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| TOTAL | <u>\$1,606,437.85</u> |
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GENERAL EXPENSES

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Central Offices - Administration    | \$ 416,402.41        |
| Automobiles, Tractors, Trucks, etc. | 328,141.66           |
| Street Trees                        | 215,838.14           |
| TOTAL                               | <u>\$ 960,382.21</u> |

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REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| City Budget             | \$6,931,768.85               |
| Federal Revenue Sharing | <u>1,286,346.69</u>          |
| TOTAL                   | <u><u>\$8,218,115.54</u></u> |

RECAPITULATION

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Parks, Gardens, Squares                        | \$3,045,202.13               |
| Playgrounds                                    | 738,435.29                   |
| Bath, Beaches, Pools and<br>Recreation Centers | 1,606,437.85                 |
| Recreation Division, Administration            | 1,080,042.77                 |
| General Expenses                               | 922,470.53                   |
| Equipment                                      | 129,187.19                   |
| Repairs to Buildings and Structures            | 201.00                       |
| Park & Playground Improvements, etc.           | 683,738.78                   |
| Planting & Replacement of Trees                | <u>12,400.00</u>             |
| TOTAL  | <u><u>\$8,218,115.54</u></u> |

## CITY DOCUMENT NO. 16

Expenditures of Revenue and Nonrevenue, Special Appropriation and Trust Funds, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Commons & Parks in existence on January 12, 1887:-

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Maintenance and Improvement of . . . . .        | \$ 60,692.04        |
| Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund Income . . . . . | 4,243.58            |
| Randidge Trust Fund Income . . . . .            | 3,150.00            |
|   | <u>\$ 68,085.62</u> |

## CASH RECEIPTS

July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

## PARK DIVISION

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| William J. Devine Golf Course. . . . .   | \$ 11,412.50         |
| George Wright Golf Course . . . . .  | 44,080.50            |
| Permits for Signs, Openings, etc. . . . .  | 94.70                |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .  | 1,282.58             |
| Reimbursement from Commonwealth . . . . .  | 66,882.09            |
| of Massachusetts (mentally retarded and physically handicapped children's summer & winter recreation programs) |                      |
| Settlement of claims for damages . . . . .   | 290.00               |
| Rentals from Property & Concessions. . . . .   | 10,668.37            |
| Boston Common Tree Fund, Income . . . . .  | 317.70               |
| Randidge Trust Fund, Income . . . . .  | 3,270.45             |
| Babcock Music Fund, Income . . . . .   | 208.25               |
| Foss Flag Fund, Income . . . . .   | 133.95               |
| Foss 17th June Fund, Income. . . . .   | 133.95               |
| Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, Income . . . . .   | 13,249.86            |
| Parkman Fund, Income . . . . .   | 230,000.00           |
| Beautification & Improvement of Park Land, (HUD Federal Grant), 3-31-16  | 444,368.87           |
|  | <u>\$ 826,393.77</u> |

## BATH DIVISION

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Income from Bathhouse . . . . .          | \$ 27.00             |
|  | 27.00                |
| Above receipts were credited as follows: | \$ 826,420.77        |
| General Revenue . . . . .                | \$ 134,737.74        |
| Trust Funds, Income . . . . .            | 247,314.16           |
| Beautification & Improvement of Park..   | 444,368.87           |
| Land, (HUD Federal Grant), 3-31-16       |                      |
|  | <u>\$ 826,420.77</u> |

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Annual Permits, 262 at \$75. . . . .             | \$ 19,650.00        |
| Annual Permits, 6 at \$150 . . . . .             | 900.00              |
| Weekend-Holiday Permits, 3,360 at \$3.00 . . . . | 10,080.00           |
| Monday through Friday Permits, 3,534 at \$2.50 . | 8,835.00            |
| Monday through Friday Permits, 1 at \$3.00 .     | 3.00                |
| Twilight Permits, 1,763 at \$2.00. . . . .       | 3,526.00            |
| Lockers, 259 at \$5.00 . . . . .                 | 1,295.00            |
| Total . . . . .                                  | <u>\$ 44,289.00</u> |

## WILLIAM J. DEVINE GOLF COURSE July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Annual Permits, 53 at \$50 . . . . .             | \$ 2,650.00         |
| Weekend-Holiday Permits, 1,538 at \$2.50 . . . . | 3,845.00            |
| Monday through Friday Permits, 1,336 at \$2.00 . | 2,672.00            |
| Twilight Permits, 1,084 at \$1.50 . . . . .      | 1,626.00            |
| Total . . . . .                                  | <u>\$ 10,793.00</u> |

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

### Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches; Swimming Pools and Gymnasiums

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Playgrounds, Summer Attendance . . . . .         | 5,337,000        |
| Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating) . . . . | 1,360,000        |
| Shower Baths . . . . .                           | 450,000          |
| Beaches and Swimming Pools . . . . .             | 1,242,624        |
| Solarium (Men) . . . . .                         | 15,013           |
| Sauna (Women) . . . . .                          | 13,271           |
| Gymnasiums and Individual Attendance . . . . .   | 475,650          |
| Total . . . . .                                  | <u>8,893,558</u> |

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CEMETERY DIVISION

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

## DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES

The burying grounds, cemeteries, and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

|   | Square<br>Feet | Estab-<br>lished |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Bennington Street, East Boston.....                                     | 157,500        | 1838             |
| Bunker Hill, Charlestown.....   | 48,202         | 1807             |
| Phipps Street, Charlestown.....   | 76,740         | 1630             |
| Copp's Hill, Hull Street, City.....                                     | 89,015         | 1659             |
| King's Chapel, Tremont Street, City....                                 | 19,344         | 1630             |
| Granary, Tremont Street, City.....                                      | 82,063         | 1660             |
| Central, Common, City.....  | 60,693         | 1756             |
| South End South, Washington Street, City                                | 64,670         | 1810             |
| Hawes, Emerson Street, South Boston....                                 | 11,232         | 1816             |
| Union, East Fifth Street, South Boston..                                | 5,470          | 1841             |
| North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester.....                                   | 142,587        | 1633             |
| Eliot, Eustis Street, Roxbury.....                                      | 34,830         | 1630             |
| South, Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester...                                 | 95,462         | 1814             |
| Westerly, Centre Street, West Roxbury..                                 | 39,450         | 1683             |
| Walter Street, West Roxbury.....  | 35,100         | 1711             |
| Evergreen, Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton                                | 604,520        | 1848             |
| Market Street, Brighton.....  | 18,072         | 1764             |
| Mount Hope, Walk Hill Street, 125 acres<br>and 14,330 square feet ..... |                | 1851             |
| Fairview, Fairview Avenue, Hyde Park<br>about 50 acres.....             |                | 1892             |

## CITY TOMBS

Twenty-five in the SouthGround; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in SouthGround; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.



## CITY DOCUMENT NO. 16

Cemetery Division Receipts, July 1, 1974  
to June 30, 1975

| CEMETERIES          | General<br>Receipts | perpetual<br>Care<br>Receipts | Interest on<br>Perpetual<br>Care |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mount Hope .....    | \$149,282.50        | \$47,815.00                   | \$75,876.56                      |
| Fairview.....       | 27,057.50           | 15,060.00                     | 26,564.86                        |
| Evergreen.....      | 28,705.00           | 16,465.00                     | 32,157.67                        |
| Dorchester North... | -                   | -                             | 666.66                           |
| Dorchester South... | -                   | -                             | 233.81                           |
| Westerly.....       | -                   | -                             | 262.65                           |
| Central.....        | -                   | -                             | 150.00                           |
| Copp's Hill.....    | -                   | -                             | 150.00                           |
| Granary.....        | -                   | -                             | 150.00                           |
| King's Chapel.....  | -                   | -                             | 150.00                           |
| Bunker Hill.....    | -                   | -                             | 2.70                             |
| Phipps Street.....  | -                   | -                             | 16.76                            |
| Office.....         | 179.00              | -                             | -                                |
| Totals.....         | \$205,224.00        | \$79,340.00                   | \$136,381.67                     |

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Total, Book Value of General Fund,     |                       |
| June 30, 1974                          | \$4,788,783.15        |
| Interest, General Fund                 | 205,946.47            |
| Revenue, (General Receipts), 1974-1975 | 197,179.00            |
| Appreciation on Securities Matured     | 687.50                |
|  | <u>\$5,192,596.12</u> |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Payments from Fund during 1974-1975:             |                   |
| Refund   | 150.00            |
| Transfer to Appropriation                        | <u>716,513.75</u> |
| Total, Book Value of General Fund, June 30, 1975 | \$4,475,932.37    |

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Total, Perpetual Care Fund, June 30, 1974 | <u>2,248,751.84</u> |
|---|---------------------|

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Total Cemetery Funds | \$6,724,684.21 |
|----------------------|----------------|

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities  
July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

| CEMETERIES        | Interments | Lots Sold | Graves Sold | Lots in Perpetual Care | Graves in Perpetual Care | Foundations Built | Preparing and Planting |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Mount Hope .....  | 1,437      | 371       | 6           | 12,596                 | 2,117                    | 264               | 4                      |
| Fairview .....    | 214        | 17        | 64          | 1,361                  | 2,291                    | 88                | -                      |
| Evergreen .....   | 203        | 28        | 75          | 1,468                  | 3,964                    | 84                | 1                      |
| Dorchester North. | -          | -         | -           | -                      | 2                        | -                 | -                      |
| Westerly .....    | -          | -         | -           | -                      | 1                        | -                 | -                      |
| Phipps Street.... | -          | -         | -           | -                      | 1                        | -                 | -                      |
| Bunker Hill.....  | -          | -         | -           | -                      | 1                        | -                 | -                      |
| Totals            | 1,854      | 416       | 145         | 15,425                 | 8,377                    | 436               | 5                      |

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance Year Ending  
June 30, 1975

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Office .....              | \$23,793.76         |
| Mount Hope.....           | 381,056.97          |
| Fairview.....             | 74,125.89           |
| Evergreen.....            | 88,183.28           |
| Dorchester North.....     | 3,568.58            |
| Dorchester South.....     | 10,627.66           |
| Granary.....              | 8,787.09            |
| King's Chapel.....        | 8,187.51            |
| Central.....              | 1,315.57            |
| Phipps Street.....        | 1,096.24            |
| Bunker Hill.....          | 1,208.45            |
| Bennington Street .....   | 2,918.88            |
| Eliot.....                | 384.26              |
| South End South.....      | 1,270.97            |
| Copp's Hill.....          | 11,772.28           |
| Hawes & Emerson.....      | 464.91              |
| Union.....                | 348.27              |
| Market Street.....        | 370.80              |
| Westerly.....             | 477.96              |
| Parks and Recreation..... | <u>16,407.67</u>    |
|                           | <u>\$636,367.00</u> |